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Airfields and Troops at Pushkin

July 1948

1. There are two airfields, separated by about 500 meters, at Pushkin, 23 km. from Leningrad on the main Leningrad-Warsaw railway. Both airfields were equipped fairly recently, the smaller for training purposes, the larger for fighter planes. The latter is quite modern, with two searchlight towers and electric lighting along the runways. There was a considerable number of fighter aircraft on the field between 1 and 6 July 1948. They were of modern types, principally and possibly exclusively YAKs. On the smaller training airfield, there were some 30 aircraft. Near the training airfield there is a pilots' training school with about 200 trainees. The officers and NCOs are commanded by Lieut. Col. Markhovin, who is also commandant of the school and the training airfield. There are two two-storied brick buildings, four large huts, and a large hangar with repair workshop on the training field. Close to the large fighter airfield, there are four large hangars and eight large huts. One of these huts houses the headquarters of the airfield and also headquarters of a fighter unit. Living quarters for the flying personnel are in the town of Pushkin. The fighter airfield is well guarded and one cannot approach without giving one's reasons to the sentries.

September 1948

- 25X1 2. [redacted] at Pushkin airfield there is a main runway of 1200 x
200 meters. This field is fully equipped for night flying. [redacted] 25X1
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mation probably refers to the large field for fighter planes.)

July 1948

3. Between 1 and 6 July, there were also at Pushkin:

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- A regiment of heavy tanks;
- The headquarters of a railway engineer unit, one battalion of which was located in the railway station area;
- A military liaison school;
- A military radio training school.

Pushkin is almost a military town, with very few civilian inhabitants, although every day groups of young students arrive to visit the palaces and parks, which are in a deplorable state but are being restored.

Parachute Training Center at Krasnogvardeisk

4. There is a large training center for parachutists at Krasnogvardeisk (Gatchina), 45 km. SSW of Leningrad.

Troop Movements and Airfield in the Ukraine

5. At the end of June 1948, there were considerable troop movements in the vicinity of Proskurov (49°25'E, 27°01'E), Ukraine. Constant columns of troops and materiel were reported to be moving through toward the western Ukraine.

June-July 1948

6. At Mukachev (Munkachevo; Mukacevo), Carpatho-Ukraine, there is a permanent airfield with two runways $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 kms. long. Of two or three hundred planes observed there in June or July 1948, only two were heavy bombers; the rest were fighters, observation biplanes, light bombers, and a plane which appeared to be the equivalent of the L-5. In addition, two transport planes are constantly stationed at the field.

Airfield and Troops near Magadan

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7. The Magadan airfield is located 13 kilometers northeast of the city of Magadan, on the asphalt road running from the city to the Kolyma Lager. The airfield lies 100 to 150 meters east of the road. It is 1,000 to 1,500 meters long and 600 to 700 meters wide and is covered with short grass. 20
8. At Kilometer 14 or 15 on the same road from Magadan to the Kolyma Lager, and a little to the west of it, there are 10 to 15 one-story barracks for troops. The area occupied by these barracks is enclosed by a wire fence.

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